

New Futures for Youth, Inc.

Organization Description

New Futures for Youth (NFY) was established in 1988 as a collaborative of public and private, community and institutional representatives committed to improved outcomes for youth. Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, New Futures conducts research on issues affecting youth and families and provides training and technical assistance to individuals and organizations. New Futures also facilitates joint planning by community-based organizations, agencies, and institutions regarding strategies for addressing youth issues and implementing youth services.

Project Description

New Futures' Little Rock
Compassion Capital Fund
Demonstration Program will utilize sub-awards and a technical
assistance approach to enhance the operating efficiency and expand and diversify faith-based and community organizations' resource potential by focusing on capacity building in the following areas: organizational infrastructure, human capital, and program quality to ensure organizations strengthen the neighborhoods they serve.

Geographic Scope of Project

Targeted areas of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Partnering Organizations

• The City of Little Rock

Sub-Awards

A total amount of \$100,000 will be available for sub-awards through the Little Rock Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program. Ten to twelve awards for up to \$10,000 each will be made to faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) that are taking steps toward providing organized services and programs to people in the demonstration area. Also eligible will be FBCOs that already provide some services or programs that address the needs of at-risk youth, the homeless, substance abusers, prisoners re-entering the community, or high-risk families. Those organizations that are small, new or offer new services or programs will be given priority consideration.

Project Objectives

- 1. Improved organizational infrastructure of FBCOs;
- 2. Increased human capital through skills development of FBCOs' staff;
- 3. Enhanced program quality;
- Increased service coordination and resource sharing among FBCOs.

Project Strategies

- Utilize a three-part approach to improve the overall effectiveness of individual FBCOs;
- Prepare small organizations to cooperate with each other and with other agencies and institutions for service coordination and resource sharing;

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- Provide capacity-building technical assistance through staff dedicated to intensive work with specific FBCOs;
- Engage a total of 10-12 FBCOs in the Demonstration Program each year of the three-year initiative.

Grant Award Amount \$324,000

